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1. The Bureau of State Security (外安局) of North Korea is an independent agency not included under the Ministry of Interior nor any other government division. It is even free from interference from the North Korean Army, and, in fact, exercises political surveillance over that organization.* When the Bureau was given an independent position, KANG Chin(康進) replaced KIM Kang (金剛) as its chief.

2. A new branch of the State Security Bureau, subordinate to the national headquarters at Pyongyang, was established at Namchonjom (126-24, 38-20) about the end of October 1949. Its function is to control the 38th Parallel area and work into South Korea. Head of the new branch is KIM Chong-yol (金重烈), a colonel in the Police Constabulary.

3. The branch bureau operations into South Korea were enlarged during November 1949, and a chief was appointed for a projected branch in South Korea. This is YO Chun-ku (吳春九), formerly executive director in South Korea for intelligence for the North Korean Labor Party; he is a nephew of the late YO Gyu-hyong (吳桂衡). YO returned to North Korea in summer 1949 but is expected to take up his new work in South Korea by early 1950.

4. Liaison between members of the Bureau in North and South Korea is constant. When a South Korean member enters North Korea, he can communicate directly and immediately with KIM Chong-yol by going into Chongongni (127-0A, 38-02) and calling long distance to Namchon #13. KIM is also in direct communication with KANG Chin.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment: The position and organization of the Bureau of State Security are similar to those of the NKVD (sic) in the USSR.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment: "NKVD" is a generic term applied indiscriminately to all intelligence and security organizations of the USSR. The actual resemblance is probably to MGB.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment: KIM Kang was reported as a division commander in the North Korean People's Army in 1947.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment: YO Un-hyong (LYUH Woon-hyung) was a leftist leader in South Korea, first of the People's Republic Party, then of the more moderate People's Party.

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